

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on November 23, 2010 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
John Maycock, Vice Chairperson
Michael Rell, Clerk Pro Tem
Susan Gillanders, Alternate
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate

Members Absent: Bette Botticello
Gary McLeod, Clerk
Mark Raymond, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Rell, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on November 12, 2010.

APPLICATION NO. 3883-10. Charles Flynn seeking to demolish the existing garage at 19 Willard Street.

Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator (representing applicant), appeared before the Commission. The garage has already been taken down. A building permit is required, but it cannot be obtained until the HDC has made its determination. There is no intention to put in another structure to replace the garage. The HDC had previously approved an above ground pool. The garage did obscure the pool. The HDC had requested that a gate be put across the driveway to connect the fence to the house to obscure the view of the pool. This was not done and now that the garage is down, the pool is exposed.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3884-10. Paul Gregory seeking to install replacement windows at 77 Sharon Lane.

Richard McKenzie, representative of the contractor, appeared before the Commission. All windows in the unit will be replaced. They currently have brown aluminum sliding windows and would like to replace with vinyl windows. The same style and color windows have been approved by the HDC for other condos in the complex. The color is Safari Brown.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3885-10. Toshio Ohta seeking to install replacement windows and a patio door at 12 Sharon Lane.

Toshio Ohta of 12 Sharon Lane, and Richard McKenzie, representative of the contractor appeared before the Commission. All windows in the unit and the patio door will be replaced. They currently have brown aluminum sliding windows and would like to replace them with vinyl. The same style and color windows have been approved by the HDC for other condos in the complex. The color is Safari Brown.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3886-10. Michael Schuberth seeking to install replacement windows at 89 Garden Street.

Michael Schuberth of 89 Garden Street appeared before the Commission. He currently has single pane windows with storm windows. He would like to replace the existing windows with Kohltech 6/6 simulated divided light windows, white in color. They will match the existing windows in size and light patterns. This will be a phased project – 5 windows will be done now. There will be a total of 20 windows replaced. The trim will remain as is. He is not certain on whether he will use full screens or ½ screens. The newer part of the addition currently has full screens.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3869-10. Jim Stavola seeking to install replacement windows at 39 Middletown Avenue. (Tabled from the October 12, 2010, October 26, 2010, and November 9, 2010 meetings. The last date to act is November 23, 2010.)

Applicant was not present at meeting.

APPLICATION NO. 3877-10. Azra Alihodzic seeking to install replacement windows at 267 Middletown Avenue (Tabled from the November 9, 2010 meeting. The last date to act is December 14, 2010.)

This application was tabled so that Commission members could drive by and view the property and windows that have been installed.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Rell, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Wurzer, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3883-10. Charles Flynn seeking to demolish the existing garage at 19 Willard Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Gillanders and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. A gate shall be put across the driveway to match the existing fence in style and material.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that while there are Hubbard houses that have been built without garages, he can't think of any applications for demolition where there was no replacement building. It is a bad precedent.

Commissioner Maycock stated that it would have been nice to have the applicant present so they could answer questions about future intentions. He would like to know if the garage will be replaced. He hopes that the owner complies with the request for a gate.

Aye: Maycock, Rell, Gillanders

Nay: Garrey, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3884-10. Paul Gregory seeking to install replacement windows at 77 Sharon Lane.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Gillanders and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The windows shall be Dream View Window Systems in the color Safari Brown to match the existing in size and light pattern.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it looks better. It's got more detail and depth to the window. The Commission was also shown photos of another unit to see what the windows will look like installed.

Commissioner Maycock stated that it's almost replacing like for like. It's a nice window.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Wurzer, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3885-10. Toshio Ohta seeking to install replacement windows and a patio door at 12 Sharon Lane.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Gillanders and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The windows shall be Dream View Window Systems in the color Safari Brown to match the existing in size and light pattern.

Discussion

Same discussion as Application #3884-10.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Wurzer, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3886-10. Michael Schuberth seeking to install replacement windows at 89 Garden Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The screens shall be full screens.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a very nice window.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Wurzer, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3869-10. Jim Stavola seeking to install replacement windows at 39 Middletown Avenue. (Tabled from the October 12, 2010, October 26, 2010, and November 9, 2010 meetings. The last date to act is November 23, 2010.)

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to DENY the application without prejudice.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that denial without prejudice gives the applicant the opportunity to re-apply.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is the last meeting to act, so the Commission has to make a decision.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Wurzer, Gillanders

APPLICATION NO. 3877-10. Azra Alihodzic seeking to install replacement windows at 267 Middletown Avenue (Tabled from the November 9, 2010 meeting. The last date to act is December 14, 2010.)

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that windows are very specific to the property and location. This is a non-historic house in an area that has less of an impact on the District.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Wurzer, Gillanders

Abstain: Maycock

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Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Gillanders and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the November 9, 2010 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Wurzer, Gillanders

Abstain: Maycock

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Rell, Wurzer, Gillanders

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Michael Rell
Clerk Pro Tem